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TRIALS OF AN ENGLISH WOMAN WHO RECEIVED A PACHA'S WIVES—A CALL ABRUPTLY ENDED.

From Travel.

The evening I arrived in Constantinople my cousins had a party. Bessie introduced a certain Pacha to me, and I found him most agreeable—in fact, a modern among the moderns—and advanced, even! His topics were literary and mildly scientific. I am told that some people "cram" these subjects from the reviews for use in society; but if he had only "crammed" he had done the work remarkably well, for his knowledge seemed to be all his own, no veneer, but a solid possession. With me he spoke in French, with Bessie in an amusing Gallic-English dialect. For both of us he found adroit compliments. He referred to me as a "professor," my cousin having told him that I taught in a college. To her he expressed his ardent desire that his wives (I heard of them with a shock, considering that the Pacha had been talking with me for an hour—shall I say?—"like a Christian")—that his wives should visit her refined and delightful home.

He spoke of a home as an "interior," a fair example of his Frenchified English.

"The visit should take place, madame, whenever you say you will be visible," he said.

Bessie's face clouded. She consulted her set of tablets, murmuring: "Nearly always invisible; engaged each afternoon, receptions (but mixed, like this evening) whenever at home."

Thinking to be helpful, I said: "Could I show the house? Your curios, Bessie? Take the ladies up to the Belvedere? You know I have no engagements yet." And I certainly was curious to make the acquaintance of the denizens of a harem.

Bessie glanced quickly in warning, but too late. The die was already cast, for the Pacha was in the act of saying that "the ladies will come the very next afternoon at 3 o'clock."

"What have you let yourself in for!" laughed Bessie and her husband when we were alone a few minutes later. "You'll be bored to extinction, as the Pacha says."

"Nothing will induce me to share your miseries," said Bessie; "but I'll do what I can for your guests." There'll be coffee for them (nice, thick stuff, with the grounds left in!) and a mountain of sweets and pipes, or cigarettes, if you all prefer" (I loathe tobacco in all its forms), "and their path will be kept clear of men."

I was not daunted.

"Why should I dread the visit so?" I asked.

"Turkish ladies are difficult to entertain I'm told," said my host. "I don't mind making a bet that you won't try it twice."

Next day, as I waited alone, I peeped from the balcony now and then, until at last a great coach came rumbling into the courtyard. This carriage hung (and swung) upon C springs, and all its blue silk blinds were closely drawn. Two stalwart Nubians were upon the box seat. The coach drew up, and the footman lifted out first a little bundle with a crimson fez on top. It shook itself free on the perron, and proved to be a brown faced, monkey-like, dried up boy. Later I learned he was twelve. But he looked only a withered seven. The next bundle to be placed upon the ground was five times as large. The outline was decidedly queer, and might be described as extinguisher shape, very wide toward the end, and mounted on two feet and a half of white cotton stockings, above odd, but French looking, silver buckled shoes. The outside of the extinguisher was made of black silk. The third bundle was a larger edition of that already described. It stood upon pillar like white stockings and splay feet shod in elastic sided boots, completely out of shape. Next descended a Circassian girl, who turned out to be the interpreter. She wore a forehead band with coins, and flowing hair. Her costume was the well-known rich and picturesque garb of her country. Another black extinguisher followed.

I waited in the large drawing room, as I had been told to do; and heard scuffling, voices and the froufrou of silks from the anteroom. When fully twenty minutes had passed, there entered a short elderly woman in incongruous French clothes, leading the boy by the hand.

"The Pacha's principal wife; her son," announced the Circassian in French.

Next came a dropsical looking, comparatively shabbily dressed woman, also in a kind of European attire. "The Pacha's second wife," said the Circassian.

"The Pacha's bride of six months," came quickly after that; a pretty girl in pink silk robe decollete; a Paris bonnet, with high plumes and flowers, and a diamond tiara in front of the bonnet on the thick hair just above her forehead.

It took some time to seat the party. No one cared for the armchairs that I drew forward. The Circassian at once popped down on a mat upon the floor. She had large, dark eyes and a changeful expression, in pleasing contrast to the chief wife and the second. The elder was grim and defiant, the second wife oppressively apathetic and ugly. The bride pulled on and off her short pink kid gloves to display her rings to me; played with her bracelets and her jewelled watch, calling attention to the fact that it "ticked" and was wound from the handle, (I noticed that it was several hours behind the timepiece on the console table.) She patted her dress with her palm; adjusted her necklace; fidgeted in her armchair; pointed with her forefinger to objects in the room, and screamed to the interpreter for explanations of their uses, etc.

Of course, I tried to make my visitors welcome. But I did not succeed. Generally speaking, my conversation did not interest them, and sometimes it even displeased, as when I spoke of meeting the Pacha. Then the first wife's face flushed darkly. "She wonders foreign ladies speak to men," explained the Circassian. The girl's French was feeble. I struggled desperately to say pleasant things through her to my guests, but perhaps she failed to understand, or perhaps my efforts were altogether mistaken. The conversation dragged frightfully in any case.

I turned to a beautiful illustrated book, a precious gift from an art loving friend—but the guests cared little for it. Worse; they threatened to spoil it! The bride attempted to turn a page with a moistened thumb. The second wife held a beautiful plate hard—pulling it till I thought she would tear it. I hastily proposed an adjournment to the Belvedere; but the guests recoiled in horror when they saw the corkscrew staircase. Moreover, they would not venture up any stairs without the black extinguishers. "They say they were very well in there," said the interpreter, pointing to the door we had just come through; so we returned to bore each other in the drawing room.

The boy began to smoke. This made me cough. The Circassian suggested that he should "divert himself on the balcony;" and henceforth he oscillated between his mother's side and the window.

Coffee and sweetmeats came at last. They made a slight break in the tedium. Having had no success when I tried to amuse the guests, I left off showing them Bessie's pretty china, photographs and bric-a-brac. I also left off taking through the Circassian—determined that they should take their turn at "making conversation."

After a pause the second wife (with a very large French fondant in her mouth) spoke to the Circassian, who said to me:

"She wants to know your age."

Next they discussed the answer among themselves, and then followed another irksome pause. The silence was broken only by sounds of sucking or crunching sweets and smashing sugar sheels full of rose and orange water. (The boy loved this destructive process.)

Another question came: "Is your cousin still older than you?" followed by the discussion, in Turkish, of my answer.

In close succession came: "Are you married?" "Are you not sorry not to be married?" "Are there parrots in England?" "Do you like chocolate better than any bonbon?" "Is London as large as Constantinople?" "Why don't you wish to be married?" "Should you say the boy was twelve?" "What do you do when you are in the house if you don't smoke?" "Would you imagine that the first wife is as old as yourself?" (The decrepit old woman, only thirty-one!) "Was I not a professor?" "Had I ever heard of indigestion?" They seemed at last really pleased by my having "heard of indigestion!" "Could I tell them of a cure?" I fear my answer, "Eat no sweets, take a great deal of exercise," not only annoyed, but also offended them. Apparently "professor" and doctor were with them synonymous. My visitors now plied me with questions regarding ailments. These queries fell as fast as the Circassian could frame them. And now I began to feel that being bored was not the worst possible infliction.

Two stricken hours by the timepiece on the console table since the party had entered the room and no earthly reason why two more should not drearily elapse before the thought of moving should enter their heads.

I jumped to my feet and unrolled Bessie's embroidery before them. It did not interest them. They asked languidly why my cousin "did it herself. She could pay some one to make a much more elaborate pattern."

To stave off the subject of diseases I cudgelled my brains again for something to say, but I felt numbly stupid.

Suddenly the interpreter said, pointing to the first wife: "She wants to know, as you are a learned lady, why we had that wonderful snow last week. Why had we not rain?"

Here was a topic like a breath of fresh air. I know I can give a nice little meteorological lecture. Have I not made meteorology interesting to the tiny children at home? Why should I not amuse adults and a boy of twelve? Alack, no! The bride pointed here and there about the room, and clamored for explanations to the interpreter—through whom the meteorology was being filtered! The second wife looked more wan and weary than ever. The boy drifted away to the balcony, and the old woman (my contemporary) wrinkled her brows in the painful effort to follow the Circassian's translation of my phrases. I ended, and a heavy silence fell upon us all.

A maid brought in cigarettes. The "wives" said they would only smoke a little, as I dislike tobacco. That was really thoughtful, and I felt grateful. I heartily wished that I could make some pleasant conversational return for their forbearance.

Afterward Bessie comforted me by saying that the guests were not bored, were even then enjoying themselves. But at the time I felt that my own sufferings were a measure of theirs.

After a silence came another question: "As you are a learned lady, can you tell us why the rain rarely (if ever) goes up toward the sky, whereas the snow went up and down the other day?"

I threw myself with enthusiasm into the task of answering. But the result was no happier. They discussed my reply in Turkish in a perfunctory manner, moving their hands around and around, as some people use their hands inside a muff, and in a way certainly that could not have any reference to rain or snow. Perhaps they were saying my explanations were involved. Probably that was true enough of them, as translated by the pretty uncomprehending Circassian. However, I shall never know.

How I longed that Bessie might walk in and create a diversion!

The clock chimed 6. These people had remained three hours. Would they never go?

"As you are a learned lady," came the now established preamble, "can you tell us why a good tooth sometimes aches?"

I began: "Sweetmeats"—— but fearing to drift into unhospitable discourse, just as Bessie's maid was bringing a tray with tiny glass plates on each of which was a spoonful of rose leaf conserve, I hastened to add: "I have remembered something. It it quite new; a London toy! Bessie's little boy's grandmother sent it."

While the guests disposed of conserve and sherbet I ran off to find the mechanical bear who danced and beat a drum, winding him up as I returned to the drawing room. I confess that I wound him up slowly, it was such a relief to be away from the company!

I had no sooner set him upon the floor than his dance began. The bride uttered a piercing shriek; the boy squealed like a wild animal, the fat, lymphatic second wife went into hysterics; the Circassian also screamed, jumping about, and the first wife jabbered in evident terror, clutching her boy.

"She says it is the devil," wailed the interpreter, shrilly, above the general din.

At the moment the bear beat the first sharp roll on the drum. The elder woman, flinging some of her draperies about her son, tumbled toward the door, rushed through the anteroom and came plump upon my cousin's butler! (without the yackmash! According to old Turkish usage, the encounter might have meant a loaded sack and a descent in the Bosporus for her.)

The bride fled, clinging to the interpreter, to the furthest corner of the drawing room, where they sobbed and shuddered together. The second wife, now violently hysterical claimed my first care. After I had calmed her somewhat I caught up the bear-drummer and put him out of sight.

Then those in the drawing room took heart to move into the anteroom, where the first wife was already getting into her extinguisher.

Nothing I could say (through the Circassian) could tranquillize them. Their ponderous coach was waiting below. In less time than I thought possible the long train of the bride's ball dress, the cut velvets of the chief wife and the shabby finery of the second were rolled into big bundles on the plan adopted by bathing women, who wade and "dip" the children on our shores in summer, and then my guests waddled and rolled rapidly out of the house.

When the carriage had rumbled away I fell in great agitation upon the bear, apostrophizing him: "Oh, you terrible little fiend! Oh, you dear, dear darling deliverer!"

I hugged and kissed him.

"Alone already!" exclaimed Bessie an hour later. "I hurried back from the most charming garden party that was on purpose to help you with your harem!"

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Special Correspondent.

Secretary Root is giving the country a striking exhibition of what can be accomplished by hustling, even in the month of August, which has got to be so generally recognized in official circles as vacation time. He has caused everything connected with the sending of the volunteers to the Philippines to be advanced considerably from the first estimates, and it is now practically certain that the last of the first ten regiments will be landed at Manila not later than October, and arrangements have already been made by which the other ten regiments, the order for the enlisting of which was only issued several days ago, will reach Manila within a week, before or after, of December 1. No troops ever took the field anywhere better equipped than these men will be or better provided in every respect for campaigning in the tropics. They will all be armed with the Krag-Jorgensen rifle, of which the War Department now has full supply, and amply supplied with smokeless ammunition. When all the troops get over there will be more than 60,000 men in the Philippines. It is not believed that so many men will be needed to do the fighting, but Secretary Root intends to have them there so that every town taken from the Filipinos can be held, instead of abandoned, as in the last campaign. If there is as much hustling at the other end as there has been in Washington, the campaign will be short and decisive.

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Secretary Wilson, who has just returned from a western trip all the way to the Pacific coast: upon which he went to study agricultural conditions so as to make the work of the Agricultural Department as helpful to the farmers in that section as possible, says the talk about a sentiment in the west against the Philippines policy of President McKinley is all manufactured in the east, and that he did not meet a single "anti" west of Chicago, although he met hundreds of men, in all stations of life. He found the farmers prosperous all through the west, and especially so in the corn belt. He says the wheat crop of that section will be a little short, but that the crop of corn and oats and other farm products are enormous. Speaking of the annexation sentiment in the west, Secretary Wilson said: "The people of the west understand this question better than do those of the east. They know that Dewey was sent to the Philippines to protect our large and growing trade with the Orient. We have labored to build up trade with China and Japan, and when the war began Spain had a fleet in Oriental waters ready to attack and destroy our commerce. She also was ready to encourage privateering, and Dewey went to Hongkong to be ready to protect our shipping. He destroyed the Spanish fleet as the safe way to prevent it from preying upon American merchant ships. Had the battle resulted in a victory for Spain rather than for Dewey, the Spanish fleet would have crossed the Pacific to attack our western ports. The people out west realize this, and they also realize that Dewey's victory and the subsequent events which transferred the Philippines to the U. S. have given an extraordinary impetus to the commerce of this country with the Orient. At all the Pacific ports the docks are piled up with goods awaiting shipment to the Orient, and we have not ships enough to carry them. The people of the west regard the Pacific as an American Lake, which should be covered with ships carying the American flag, and I don't know but they are about right. Why I went on one big ship, loaded at Tacoma, and I found in the cargo lumber, wheat and flour from the state of Washington; butter and eggs from Iowa and Michigan; fruit from California and Oregon; steel from Alabama; cotton goods from the Carolinas; bicycles from Chicago; notions from New England, and something from more than half the States in the Union. This cargo was bound for China and Japan, and it represents every section and nearly every branch of industry in the United States. It showed me more clearly than I had ever seen before the general interest we all have in this Oriental trade."

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General Merrit, who was the first American commander in the Philippines has gone to Lake Champlain, at President McKinley's request, presumably to talk about Philippine affairs. This has revived the rumor that General Merritt would return to the Philipines, but no confirmation can be obtained in official circles.

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The Washington committe that is collecting money for the relief of the Porto Rico hurricane sufferers has received checks for $250 each from President McKinley, Vice President Hobart, and Secretary Root. The latter has appointed a National Committee, to take charge of the distribution of contributions, to which all local committees will report. Ex-Secretary Bliss is chairman of this Committee.

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PARENTAL BLINDNESS

"That boy's mother is to blame for his unbearable conceit," said a neighbor recently, when one of the disagreeable urchins of the neighborhood was brought up for discussion. And it is too often the case that the child is blamed for what is merely the direct result of parental blindness. This blindness is one of the greatest curses which besets a baby's pathway. From the hour of its birth it is the most wonderful, the most precious, the most perfect child ever born, and as it grows older tiny hints of temper, little signs of selfishness, subtile breaths of tyranny, are ignored completely or else looked upon as delightfully precocious. As a result the child all at once wakes up too old and too much established in his character to be turned aside from any of his original traits, and the world is not going to be as charitable as the home people were.

There is the added danger too, of the family thinking that the child is particularly clever. Every little hint of praise from a friend or a teacher, every little success, is magnified until the child's conceit becomes unbearable. Of course, if he afterward actually proves that he is superior the world is very wiling to approve of him, but the truth of the matter is that, nine cases out of ten, the child is no wiser nor more capable than his playmates, and he has in the meantime acquired an abnormal appetite for praise for things which he really ought to have been taught to do as a duty and not for the reward.

There is the additional possibility, also, in teaching a child that he has an exceptionally bright future before him of raising false hopes in him, so that, when he finally wakes up to the fact that he is no better or more clever than his associates he is cast down in heart and loses all hope. If he can't be the genius he was taught to consider himself his ambition suddenly vanishes and he sinks back into the depths of a listless, purposeless discouragement, when a little wholesome teaching to depend upon conscientious work rather than supposed talents would have brought success.

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Tickets will be sold on September 2, 3, 4, and 5, good to return until September 12, inclusive; but by depositing ticket with joint agent at Philadelphia on September 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9, and the payment of fifty cents, return limit may be extended to September 30, inclusive.

SIDE TRIPS.

Tickets for side trips to Washington, Old Point Comfort, Gettysburg, Antietam, and Virginia battlefields will also be sold at greatly reduced rates.

An aged man, sauntering across Superior street Saturday morning was somewhat rudely jostled by a youthful wheelman. The shock of the collision tumbled the rider off, and the old gentleman promptly grabbed him by the ear.

"Durn you," he said, with considerable asperity. "I've a great mind to take you across my knee and spank you good."

But he didn't do it. He just held the young fellow a minute, and then let him go.

"Why didn't you spank him, uncle?" said a bystander.

"Well," replied the old man, with a humorous twinkle, "I certainly would if I hadn't been a leetle afraid that mebby it was a girl."

Story of a Slave

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worse form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich, tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female disease quickly cures nervousness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, rundown people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold at Vaughan's Pharmacy.

How They Sound

In reading over the laws of the late Legislative session one is kept smiling all the while. They may have been hurried. They may have had too much Senate. Some of those laws are quite absurd, some incomprehensible, and nearly all in the quaint classic of the old plantation. We should enjoy exhibiting some specimens, but do not care to risk offending persons who may be beneficiaries of those acts. Many of them read about this way: It shall be his duty to go to Reuben Jones' barn, after passing his house and his cow yard, and turn in the road gate, and seize Reuben's old white sow what lays in a pen of black hogs by the hen house; provided however, that Reuben lives there and provided further, the white sow is in the pen.—Smyrna Call.

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CURRENT EVENTS.

It is reported that Hon. Thomas B. Reed may remain in Congress, although he has associated himself with a law firm in New York.

By direction of the President an order has been issued for the organization of ten additional volunteer regiments for service in the Philippines.

The War Deparment has decided to continue enlistments up to the limit of 35,000 men, the strength of the volunteer force authorized by Congress for service in the Philippines.

This year's production of corn in Kansas and Nebraska will break all previous record. These States will raise between them about 575,000,000 bushels, or more than 25 per cent. of the total yield of the country.

This nation must sooner or later turn its thought seriously to the problem of road building. The antiquated and stupid methods which now prevail will no longer do. Those who undertake to build our roads must have the necessary understanding of the work before them. The primitive plan of having the farmer work out his tax by doing his share of work for which he has as little fitness as he has for doing any other form of skilled labor outside of his own calling must give way.

Every year 250,000,000 tons of cornstalks go to waste in this country, but this is to be so no longer. It is estimated that newly devised methods of utilizing corn stalks will give this hitherto unused crop a value of $900,000,000 a year. Six commodities are now made of cornstalks, viz: Cellulose, worth $400 a ton, used by the Government as an automatic hole-stopper for battleships; excellent cardboard, a fine grade of paper, and unequaled foundation for dynamite, a patent cattle food and a superior glue.

The people of the United States consume 21,000,000 pounds of almonds every year. The greater number are used in the manufacture of perfumery, soap and flavoring extracts. The amount consumed on the table is comparatively small. California last year furnished 14,000,000 pounds, 4,500,000 pounds came from Spain, 1,500,000 pounds from Italy and a considerable quantity from Greece and Portugal. At the same time we used about 12,000,000 pounds of cocoanuts, of which about 7,000,000 pounds were produced in Florida. The remainder were imported from the West India Islands.

It becomes apparent that Admiral Dewey does not propose to be hauled about the country and exhibited as a sea lion. He has accepted the invitation extended by the city of New York, and also the one to the sword presentation and other ceremonies at Washington, but he declines to visit Chicago, saying that he will make a visit to his old home in Vermont after the New York demonstration. His declination of the invitation to visit Chicago is a keen disappointment to the people of that wide awake and progressive city of the West, but they may, in a few weeks after his arrival, be able to induce him to reconsider his present determination and spend several days with them.

The report of Pension Commissioner Evans for the fiscal year shows disbursements on the decrease and a balance in the treasury of $1,857,188, from the amount set apart for that purpose. The total number of pensioners on the roll is 991,519, a decrease of 2,195. There were 46,891 names added to the roll and 43,186 dropped. The report shows the pension roll is decreasing. Of those dropped, 34,345 were because of death and 8,841 because of remarriage, minors attaining their majority, failure to claim pensions and other causes. One of the most gratifying results of the report is that 63 dishonorable attorneys were disbarred, 10 suspended and 2 dropped. Total number disbarred, 1,163. Since reform has been inaugruated on general principles it is reasonable to expect that other reforms will follow and the list continue to be pruned of its dead wood.

The Mazet Investigating Committee in New York, revealed the fact that eternal vigilance is the price of freedom from crime. Those exposed are the same as have been unearthed in the past. In '85 it was shown that the city had been robbed of vast sums of money by what was known as the $999 order business. The law says all work costing $1000 or over shall be done by contract by the lowest bidder. Tammany would evade the law by giving a favored politician an order for $999 worth of work. In this way a $100,000 job would be cut up in such a way that the city would be fleeced of vast amounts and millions of dollars expended without a contract and but little work to show for it, and in this way large sums of money would be turned into the Democratic treasury and pockets of the bosses. The practice became so outrageous that honorable citizens of its own party frowned upon it, notwithstanding Wm. C. Whitney, then corporation counsel said these $999 orders were legal. Wholesale prosecutions followed at that time, but were soon forgotten, as we see the Mazet Committee reveals the same dirty work, it going on under the eye of Mayor VanWyck. He is a mere tool in the hands of corrupt bosses. Baltimore at one time while in the control of the corrupt ring, was in many ways following in the footsteps of Tammany, though in a smaller way.

Remarkable Rescue

Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefitted from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was—Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at Vaughan's Pharmacy. Only 50 cents and $1.00, every bottle guaranteed.

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One-Day Excursions via Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad

During the month of August the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company will run the following one-day excursions to Rehoboth and Ocean City: Thursdays, August 3, 17, and 31.

A special train will be run on the schedule given below, and excursion tickets, good only on the special train in each direction, will be sold at rates quoted:

	Train leaves.	Exc. Rate.
Wilmington, Del.	6.25 A. M.	$1 25
New Castle "	6.38 "	1 25
Kirkwood "	6.55 "	1 25
Middletown "	7.11 "	1 25
Townsend "	7.19 "	1 25
Smyrna "	7.14 "	1 25
Clayton "	7.40 "	1 25
Cheswold "	7.51 "	1 25
Dover "	8.02 "	1 25
Wyoming "	8.10 "	1 15
Woodside "	8.22 "	1 10
Viola "	8.28 "	1 05
Felton "	8.34 "	1 00
Harrington "	8.53 "	1 00

	Exc. Rate to Rehoboth.	Exc. Rate to Ocean City.
Milford, Del.	9.08 A. M.	75 cts. $1 00
Ellendale, "	9.22 "	75 " 1 00
Georgetown"	9.40 "	50 " 75
Lewes, "	10.05 "	20 "

	Rate to Ocean City.
Frankford, Del.	10.00 A. M. 65 cents.
Selbyville, "	10.09 " 50 "

Returning, special train will leave Ocean City 4.50 P. M., Rehoboth 5.30 P. M.

Children under twelve years of age, one-half the above rates.

"I'm pretty dry," remarked the buzz-saw. "Ah!" chuckled the mechanic; "take something?" "Don't care if I do," returned the saw, and then it took "three fingers."

TERRORS OF MOSQUITOES

Last week the TRANSCRIPT had an interesting article on Malaria and Mosquitoes and here is a news item to the point:

New York, August 19.—Miss Lottie Lewis, aged 28 years, is in Bellevue ill with pernicious malarial fever, and the physicians say the mosquitoes, biting her, caused the attack of malaria. Dr. Richards has microscopically examined Miss Lewis' blood and has found in it two varieties of parasites, such as were found in the blood of malarious soldiers who returned from Cuba.

PESTS CARRY PARASITES

Miss Lewis, who lives at No. 370 Seventh avenue, went to a seaside resort a fortnight ago. Mosquitoes bit her furiously. Soon she was taken with a chill, which was followed by fever, and then all the symptoms of a very severe attack of intermittent fever developed. She became so ill that she was taken to Bellevue Hospital on Wednesday.

The physicians say that the mosquitoes in a malarial district become impregnated with the malarial parasite. Then a mosquito bites a man and deposits the parasite under his skin.

If you are tired and dull, can't get rested and have no appetite, take Hood's Sarsaparilla. It enriches and vitalizes the blood.

Truly Exasperating

"By George!" said a Hyde Park man who was riding downtown in an early train the other day, "I detest people who are so blamed positive about everything."

"It is a disagreeable habit," the passenger who sat next to him admitted, "and it always pleases me to see such people confronted with proofs that they are in the wrong."

"Yes, it does me, too. My wife's cousin has been visiting us for several days, and he's one of those know-it-all fellows. You can't tell him anything. This morning he was reading about this Dreyfus trial and I gave him a pointer on how to pronounce a French word that was used. But do you suppose he was willing to admit that I knew more about it than he did?"

"I suppose not."

"No! He sat there, right at my own table, and argued with me for twenty minutes trying to show that I didn't know what I was talking about. Such people make me weary."

"Why don't you get a French dictionary and prove to him that he was wrong?"

"Oh, I looked it up yesterday and found that I was mistaken myself, but what makes me mad is the fact that he was so blamed positive about it."—Chicago Times-Herald.

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WITHOUT HONOR

The miserable Wilmington "Sun," to serve its master, last week accused the editor of the TRANSCRIPT of selling his vote in the General Assembly of 1889 for an office. This is a serious charge and in the last issue of the TRANSCRIPT we offered as proof of its falsity—

First, Hon. Anthony Higgins, who was elected Senator at the time referred to and through whose kind offices the writer held a position in one of the Departments at Washington; and Hon. Charles H. Treat, for whom the writer voted consistently and persistently in caucus for the Senate.

Second, Hon. John H. Hoffecker and Hon. John A. Lingo, fellow members of that General Assembly, now respectively Representative in Congress and State Auditor, and moreover claimed by the "Sun" as being Union Republicans.

Third, Any two of the fifteen Republicans of that Assembly now living, excepting only Moore whom the "Sun" charges indirectly of being the first Addicks "convert" in Delaware.

Fourth, The Democratic members of the House at that time.

This offer is so open and self-convincing that even the "Sun" with all its sophistry did not dare to meet it. It makes an excuse to its readers that it was not treated gentlemanly, supposing that a large majority of them did not, and will not, see the TRANSCRIPT. How ridiculous! George W. Roberts, a gentleman!

Roberts, the assassin of reputation, a gentleman! Was he a gentleman when he falsely and with malice aforethought accused the writer of selling himself for an office? Is he a gentleman when he has the proof at his hands to satisfy the public of either the truth or falsity of his charges and refuses to investigate? Let Roberts answer if he dare. He dare not.

Having been routed completely, this tool of Addicksism seeks any excuse to escape self conviction. So confident are we of the honor and truthfulness of the gentlemen to whom the "Sun's" charge is referred that we pledged the TRANSCRIPT to cease its opposition to the great iniquity of Addicks if they should deny our assertions. So badly is the "Sun" worsted that it to accomplish so much for its cause dare not discuss the issue, and the excuse! "Not treated gentlemanly!"

How ridiculous! the whole Sun set being in this and in all

WITHOUT HONOR.

THE ISSUE.

The honorable citizens of Delaware should arouse themselves to the political dangers threatening the State. The thinking man knows Delaware barely escaped political revolution through the Constitutional Convention. This is no exaggeration of that situation. Senator Kenney and his ringsters stole the Kent county election—Addicksities were waiting to steal Sussex. The election of a combination ticket in New Castle of men above dishonorable politics saved the honor of the State. Some may think this overly strong in statement, but we saw and thought as we write, and have not changed our views. Is the danger passed? Look into the legislative halls of the last General Assembly and answer. See Republicans elected as opponents of Addicks and Addicksism wavering and then voting for him. See further! Democrats elected on a platform denouncing Addicks, hesitating, paling and voting for Addicks. Behold the expectancy of his lobbyists! "Where are the other promised votes?" They turned cowards. Saved by the indignation of witnesses of the scene! What an escape! Will it always prove so? Addicks's employes have made him think otherwise. May not unconscionable men ask places of honor and opportunity to sell themselves for gold? Is the danger past? Consider and answer.

Certain Democratic papers which but a few months ago were fullsome in their tribute to the patriotism of Republicans who have opposed the pretentions and power of Addicks from principle when they had the opportunity to win by surrendering to Addicks, have forgotten all that in their efforts for partisan advantage. Gentlemen, you risk much. You are aids to Addicks for there are men in your ranks equally as ambitious and equally as objectionable to patriotism as Addicks. Dare you risk so much for your party? Look at the issue dispassionately, patriotically and answer.

"CAN'T SEE IT," SAYS THE FREE SILVER SMYRNA CALL.

(From the Milford News and Advertiser.)

The mechanics of our town have prospered during the past year. Painters, carpenters, masons, all have been busy. In talking with several contractors we are told that more work has been done during the past twelve months than at any like period during the last ten years. If this is true, certainly the general business conditions have improved. The town is dependent almost exclusively upon the farming community, and this increased demand for mechanics would argue a prosperous condition among farmers. We believe that, generally, this is true. There are so many crops being raised now, the land is frequently planted twice a season, that small amounts of money are coming in all the time. Formerly the agriculturist had money only twice a year; when he sold his corn and his wheat. At a later day he added the uncertainty of a peach crop. Under the present conditions he has something continuously to sell from May till November. Diversified farming is helping the farmer and it is also the source of the town's prosperity. Now if we would start a few more factories, we should be doing our part to build up the community.

ON Wednesday another of the anonymously called meetings of Democrats of Kent county and visitors from New Castle and Sussex was held, this time at Woodland Beach, Duck Creek hundred. Many Democrats condemn the meetings as irregular, untimely, and unnecessary. No one would assume responsibility for the assemblage and it was with some difficulty that a chairman to preside was secured. After several refusals "Barney" Saulsbury became spokesman and gave L. Irving Handy a "dig" as having "voted $20,000,000.00 to begin a cruel war." Handy charged it up to the blowing up of the Maine and proceeded to blow up Handy's boom bag. John D. Hawkins, he of trolly or notrolly fame, got in a slur at Judge George Gray as a supporter of the administration. Gentlemen of the old school, to what has Delaware Democracy come?

At the Woodland Beach meeting, however, there was no unseemly encounter, such as is elsewhere told, between Delaware's only Senator, by the manipulation of Addicks and his hired supporters, and a newspaper representative. That scene is a disgrace not only to Kenney and to Wickes, who with feeble protest listened to the most insulting epithet; not only to the Democratic party which is responsible for Kenney's election, but it is a disgrace to the State. Assuredly it is time honorable Delawareans should forget partisan advantage that creditable representatives shall again sit in the seats of John M. Clayton and James A. Bayard. The State is not without men by the score worthy successors of Thomas F. Bayard, Eli Saulsbury, Anthony Higgins, George Gray—all of them able, honest and capable. Think of a comparison with Kenney, with the possibility of Addicks, and ask the question, What is my duty to my State in this matter?

A rumor has been current this week, that one of Colonel Dupont's postmasters in Sussex county, at Millsboro, has gone wrong to the tune of $300.00 in his account with the government. A similar defalcation exists at Newark, and hubbud has been raised because Col. Dupont and John Pilling want to name the successor.—Smyrna Times.

For years our good brother Hoffecker slurred at Hon. Anthony Higgins, more so than at any Democratic leader. Why? It is very unfortunate and especially so since Col. Dupont was called to the front as a leader without his consent or any notice to him. He makes mistakes but he is honorable, and does not merit the Smyrna Times kind of treatment. Nor has the TRANSCRIPT any personal reason for making his defence, only for party harmony. We may criticize Col. Dupont but not in the Times way. It does not promote party unity, not so much desired.

POLITICAL PARAGRAPHS

Recently the leading Democrats of the nation held a conference at Saratoga, but without, it appears, reaching any definite conclusion.

"I happen to know," said a Democrat, "that the private and real object of the Saratoga conferences was to give the men who wandered away off or stood mute in 1896 a chance to rehabilitate themselves with the party. Some of them are talking anti-Bryan chat for the newspapers, but they all know that Bryan is going to be renominated.

"These people, including Gorman, who supported Bryan before, are fixing up a scheme on which they can come back without making themselves a laughing stock. They will be satisfied if they can get the platform in such shape that it will not actually print the words of the 1896 platform. A reaffirmation of the principles of four years ago, with some generalities, along with planks about trusts, militarism and the conduct of the war—this would suit those people. I think something like that will be the compromise agreed upon."

PENNSYLVANIA REPUBLICANS

Quay controlled the Republican State Convention at Harrisburg on Thursday. His men were nominated and he was endorsed. In Justice to Col. Barnett, a Philippine hero, it may be said that the Quayites took advantage of his popularity. The nominees are: Colonel James E. Barnett, of the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, for State treasurer; J. Hay Brown of Lancaster for Supreme Court justice, and Josiah R. Adams of Philadelphia for Supreme Court judge.. The nomination for Supreme Justice is equivalent to an election, by reason of two vacancies in the court, and no elector being entitled to vote, for more than one person. The platform indorses the administration of President McKinley and Governor Stone, commends the executive for his appointment of Colonel Quay to the United States Senate, and pledges the party to a reduction in the expenditures of the departments of the State government.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surface.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars; free.

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Postmaster George W. Johnson, of Millsboro, Sussex county, has been removed from office and former Postmaster Dodd has been placed in charge. The cause of the removal is said to be a discrepancy in Johnson's account, which was discovered by Postoffice Inspector Maxwell.

ADDICKS'S SENATOR

The Call Man Takes his Abuse at Bowers' Political Pow-wow.

ELECTED TO THE VACANCY ADDICKS MADE.

WHAT DO PATRIOTIC AND GENTLEMANLY DELAWAREANS THINK OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVE?

The Smyrna Call this week contains the following article with language never before appearing in the TRANSCRIPT and given place now only to show the manner of man who alone represents Delaware in the U. S. Senate:

To the Patrons of the Call: Rumors of more or less accuracy and inaccuracy having been in circulation since Thursday last, regarding an assult made by United States Senator Richard Rollins Kenney of Dover, upon the manager of this paper, at Bowers' Beach, Thursday last, I feel it to be but simple justice to myself and the patrons of the paper whose interests are jointly ours, to make a plain statement of the affair.

The readers of the Call are aware that a Democratic meeting was held during the day mentioned at Bowers' and that several well-known gentlemen delivered addresses thereat. As a representative of the Call, I sought after the meeting closed, which unfortunately I had not attended, to secure from each of the speakers a brief synopsis of their remarks for publication.

Attorney-General White was first approached, and very courteously he responded that while his remarks were entirely extemporaneous, he was always willing to outline what he conceived to be the policy, duty and opportunity of the Democratic party, and would cheerfully comply with my request.

A few steps further on Mr. Kenney was met and the same subject broached to him.

Mr. Kenney, who was apparently in decidedly ill humor because, (as one of his close friends explained it afterwards,) "things were not going his way at the meeting," turned abruptly and without any preliminaries whatever, launched out a tirade of abuse and vituperation that would have done credit to the heavy villain in a stage play.

"You," said he, "are no friend of mine. You have used every chance to cut me and turn me down in your paper. You are nothing but a d—— sneak. I know of articles that you turned down. The Call is against me and so are you. I never want to see my name in the Call. All the papers in the State are against me, and d—— 'em I don't want them or you either. When I get ready I'll use posters." At this point he stopped abruptly and asked.

"Do you know who wrote that article for the Philadelphia Record?"

"No, sir," I replied.

Kenney—"Well you ought to know. It's that Davidson, and he is a dirty —— —— ——." (He here referred to J. Milton Davidson, editor of the Delaware Workman and a well-known newspaper correspondent.) Then he continued, "you are owned; you have got to work for those who own you, and you are a dirty —— —— —— anyway."

Just here I reminded Mr. Kenney that he was going entirely too far. That this epithet must not be repeated, and it was not.

Of course Mr. Kenney said a great deal more—in fact a two column article would not cover his tirade of abuse, but this sample of his language gives the key to the rest. And while I apologise to the Call readers for thus plainly putting it, I do it because I believe it but just they should know what manner of man Mr. Kenney is. And here I wish to recall to the readers of this paper that no paper in the State has treated this man more fairly than has the Call. It defended him while his trials were in progress, and invariable spoke kindly of him, but never did turn over its columns to him, or cringe for his favor.

It may be stated here that the article in the Philadelphia Record for which he paid his compliments to Mr. Davidson, was a short political note which intimated that the Democratic party of this State was not considering Mr. Kenney as a possibility in succeeding himself. I wish here to say that I know this sentiment is endorsed by the Democrats of this section of Kent county, and that it is also the opinion of at least some Democrats in New Castle county, the following from "Democratic Glasses" in last Sunday's Star will show:

"The gathering at Bowers' Beach, which was absolutely without political significance, and which occurs every year on Big Thursday" was this time made the means by which some overzealous friends of Senator R. R. Kenney hoped to revive his waning star."

And here in conclusion I wish to say that as far as Mr. Kenney is concerned, in no way, shape or form will the Call, while I manage its interests, say anything further for or against him (unless he personally forces it). His issue is now not with me but with the Democratic party of the State. His insulting, contemptible braggadocia at a public place may help him convince the Democratic party that he is fit to represent them, to uphold the dignity of the State. But this is for them to decide. This is simply my personal grounds. I know that had I truckled to Mr. Kenny the affair would not have happened. But the Call has not seen fit to thus truckle. I believe the policy pursued by the paper is endorsed by its patrons. I am conducting the Call for their endorsement and not for Mr. Kenney's. Their continued and increasing support proves that they are satisfied, if Mr. Kenney is not. Why he should think the Call's interests were his I cannot imagine.

Here also it might be well to say, that in spite of his insinuations, from the date of the first issue of the Call up to this time, no man has dictated to me a single article ever published in its columns. As I stated, I believe it due my patrons to make this statement, because the affair had become public property. With them I leave it.

Respectfully'

JAMES C. WICKES,
Manager of The Call.

One of the largest tracts of land ever offered for sale in Kent county was sold at Frederica on Saturday by the sheriff. The property belonged to S. W. Darby, Sr., and divided into six lots and sold as follows: One parcel of land containing three thousand five hundred square feet, the improvements on which was a water plant, buildings and fixtures. This was purchased for $500 by S. W. Darby, Jr.; one lot containing two acres and ninety square perches, on which is located four two-story dwelling houses, purchashed by Thomas Emory, for $950, one lot containing three acres and thirty-six square perches, on which is situated a one and one-half story dwelling house, for $150, to S. W. Darby, Jr.; one farm of eighty acres, purchased by S. W. Darby, Jr., for $890; the "home farm," consisting of 119 acres of land, on which is situated a mansion house, blacksmith, wheelwright and cooper shops, barns, etc, also five two-story frame dwelling houses, three one-story frame dwelling houses, purchased by S. W. Darby, Jr., for $6,200; and a piece of ground on which is built three one and one-half story frame dwelling houses, which brought $265, being purchased by S. W. Darby, Jr.

MY MARYLAND.

James Hemmons, who killed his brother-in-law, Willard Dunn, near Salisbary, Monday, claims that he did the shooting in self-defence.

The Wicomico county Republican convention has nominated William H. Jackson, of Salisbury, for the State Senate, and Harry B. Freeny, of Delmar, A. Frank Turner, of Tyaskin, and William M. Day, of Parsons, for the House of Delegates.

Not less than 5,000 colored people were on Wye Campground, in Queen Anne's county, on Sunday last. It was said to be the largest crowd ever on the ground. The Queen Anne's Railroad Company special carried over 800 from Baltimore and an excursion was run by rail from Philadelphia and Wilmington. Considering the large crowd present very good order prevailed the entire day.

The severe hailstorm that passed over the southern part of Maryland August 2 destroyed considerable property and almost ruined financially a number of farmers whose only source of revenue was their crops. A tract of a mile and a quarter wide on both sides of the Patuxent from the head to the mouth through Calvert, Prince George's, Charles and St. Mary's counties wae severely ravaged by the hail and blasts of wind accompanying the storm. Reports are still being received showing the losses sustained by farmers, some of whom stand in need of the assistance of their friends.

The Kent County Republican Convention met in Chestertown Monday and nominated the following ticket and delegates to the State Convention:

State Senate—James H. Baker.

House of Delegates—Charles P. Morris, Azariah M. Kendall.

County Commissioners—Louis P. Atwell, Daniel Hill, George M. Hadaway.

Treasurer—Charles S. Smith.

Judges Orphans' Court—Thomas A. Jacobs, Franklin H. Harper, Thomas A. Hudson.

State's Attorney—John D. Urie.

Sheriff—John C. Davis.

Surveyor—Henry Tonkin.

Delegates to the State Convention—Wilbur Eliason, Charles T. Westcott, William J. Vannort, William W. Chapman, Charles England, George T. Crew, Edward W. Emory, William F. Hodges, James A. Casey, T. A. Morris Bramble, Fred Nichols, William Riley, colored.

The County Central Committee—Wilbur Eliason, Franklin H. Harper and Louis Henry.

Resolutions were unamiously passed indorsing the administration of Gov. Lloyd Lowndes and instructing the delegates to vote for his renomination. They indorsed the efficiency of the oyster police force and declared that all money received for license to catch oysters, so far as needed, should be used to maintain the police force and against the sale or lease of the natural beds to private parties or corporations.

There was no friction in the convention.

TOWNSEND LETTER

Monday was generally conceded to be the warmest day of the season. The thermometer hovered in the nineties during the greater portion of its length and at times the temperature at most places in the town was 100 degrees in the shade, and at no time during the afternoon did it fall below 96 degrees. Coming so close upon the enjoyable weather of the past few days the heat was felt much more than it would have been otherwise and there was a general resumption of summer clothing. On all sides one could hear the ancient exclamation, "Whew, it is hot!"

An unique spectacle was seen Tuesday evening on Commerce street. The street had not been cleaned up for some time and it was in quite a bad condition. Several of the residents formed a party and went to work on it. Implements of many sorts were used including house brooms, small fire shovels, wheelbarrows and buckets.

In discussing campaign questions some of the local Republicans frequently mention the name of Mr. Isaac Staats for nomination for the Legislature. Mr. Staats is one of Appoquinimink's best known citizens, being known in the surrounding districts fully as well. As a Republican his many friends declare that his record so clearly proves him a stalwart.

George Bell and Solomon Carroll, colored, of this section were sent to New Castle jail on Tuesday in default of bail, they having been connected with the shooting incident on Saturday night when it appears a general outburst of lawlessness occurred among a large portion of the colored population.

Farmers in this section have formed a compact not to hire any farm hands unless they own bicycles. Formerly the farmers were compelled to lend each farm hand a horse and carriage every other Sunday and some of them were compelled to keep five or six horses for the use of the help.

After the cake walk on Saturday night, Carrie Griffin, a colored woman of this section fainted. She soon recovered. She with her brother Joseph had given an excellent exhibition of cake walk steps and was exhausted.

Mr. Louis Gill, who is one of Townsend's young, energetic and upright young men is ill. He is suffering with a mild case of typhoid fever at the home of Mr. G. M. D. Hart who is a relative.

The cannery is now in full operation and about 30,000 cans of tomatoes comprise each day's output at this local industry.

Mr. Joseph Guessford, a well-known farmer of this section, has been very ill from poison received, it is supposed, by coming in contact with some poisonous vine. Dr. Enos has been in attendance and he is now much better.

Mr. Wright Garton is visiting his father having come over from Baltimore on Monday.

Mr. John Collins, of Smyrna, was here on Wednesday evening.

Miss Emma Smith visited Rehoboth on Thursday.

Mrs. Annie Allen and Mrs. Richard Kumpel visited here on Tuesday.

Andrew Jones, of Seaford, has a ten-acre field of tomatoes near town, which is being literally eaten up by the tomato worm. He has picked over two bushels, which are hardly missed from the vines. A few days ago he went out to the patch and picked six baskets of what he thought were the best tomatoes to be found in the field. After carrying them home and examining them carefully he found that they were unfit to eat and had to throw them away. The patch is a total loss.

KENT COUNTY.

The work of improving the Mispillion and Murderkill rivers has been begun.

Arlington Walls, of Harrington, had his chin bitten off by tramps on Saturday evening last.

The death of W. C. Moore, of Willow Grove, followed the drinking of 12 bottles of Jamaica ginger.

Roxana C. Connor bought the 145 acre farm of John W. Taylor, near Camden, for $1425, subject to a mortgage of $3500.

Nathan Mc Ginnis died near Wyoming, Wednesday, aged 66 year. The funeral will be held at Barret's Chapel to-morrow.

Mrs. William G. Adams, of Smyrna Landing, gave birth to triplets Saturday morning, August 19th. The children were boys, but two of them have since died. Their aggregate weight was twenty-five pounds while the mother only weighs ninety pounds. Dr. C. O. Swinney, her physician, says it is the first case of the kind that has come under his notice during the twenty-five years he has been practicing medicine. The babies were finely developed and the mother is doing well.

WANAMAKER'S.

Philadelphia, Monday, August 21, 1899.

News About Women's Desks in the August Furniture Sale

Yet these plain facts appeal as strongly to those readers who have no present need for a desk, and who will not include desks in their list of holiday gifts, for this news of one item hints of our readiness with every other article of furniture needed in the household economy.

We aimed at no certain percentage of saving on furniture—each individual lot is as much under value as our forehanded gathering and important factory connections can make it.

Women's Desks are a fourth to a third off.

Bedroom Furniture is a fourth to a half off.

Parlor Furniture is a fourth to a half off.

Library Furniture is a fourth to a third off.

Dining Room Furniture is a fourth to a third off.

Fancy pieces of Furniture are a fourth to a half off.

The choosing is as fine as ever—thanks to constant arrivals. But we've passed the pinnacle of receipts, and each day now is apt to see the last of some particular lots.

As to the desks—one-fourth of the year's selling of women's desks is done in the four weeks before Christmas—at least that is our experience, and gathering facts from the factory folks, we find that the chief desk selling of the country is done here.

By that time, to do our best, desks will need to fetch well on to half as much again as we mark them today—which means a rise from even the present full prices. We do not assume to keep desks bought now for Christmas delivery, but you can—and make substantial saving.

At $5.75 instead of $7.50—Mahogany-finished Desks.
At $8.50 instead of $11.50—Mahogany-finished Desks.
At $9 instead of $12—Maple Desks.
At $9 instead of $12—Mahogany Desks.
At $9.75 instead of $13—Mahogany Desks
At $9.75 instead of $13.00 Birch Desks.
At $10.50 instead of $14.00—Mahogany Desks.
At $10.50 instead of $14.50—Maple Desks.
At $11.25 instead of $15.50—Birch Desks.
At $12 instead of $16—Maple Desks.
At $16 instead of $21—Maple Desks.
At $15.00 instead of $20—Mahogany-finished Desks.
At $22.50 instead of $30—Mahogany Desks.

New Carpets For Fall Hold reception here, mostly exclusive designs. Elegant color-blends give tone to these fine weaves.

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More of the Persian Wilton Rugs have come—26x54 inches; the price $1; the effects Oriental. They are made of jute, which lends itself to strong color blends.

John Wanamaker.

Risden Williams, one of the oldest residents of Bowers Beach, who died at the age of 90 years, was buried from that place this week.

Harry Hegbron Hobson, aged 40 years, died at the home of his brother-in-law, John S. Collins, cashier of the National Bank, Dover, Monday after a long illness. Mr. Hobson formerly resided in Philadelphia.

A Miss Slaughter, who is an inmate of the Kent county almshouse, threw her two-year old baby from the second story window to a brick pavement below on Sunday night last breaking three ribs and injuring the child internally. She was locked up in the prison of the institution.

A horse belonging to the Rev. T. F. Waldron of Holy Cross Catholic Church of Dover, died at Camden Saturday. The horse was being driven from Rehoboth by a boy and as the journey was nearing an end the animal, which was valued at $300 by Father Waldron was taken sick and died.

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MIDDLETOWN, DEL., AUG. 26, 1899.

THE CHURCHES IN MIDDLETOWN.

Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. Isaac L. Wood, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., A. G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, every Thursday evening, 7.30 o'clock. Junior Epworth League and Epworth Cadets every Friday night at 7 o'clock. Young Ladies' Mission Circle, Monday nights at Parsonage. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Mite Society, first Saturday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday afternoon of each month at 2.30 o'clock.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 3.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 10 a. m., and 3.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 7.45 p. m. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Ladies on the first and third Fri days of each month at 2 p. m., the Boys' Club on Friday evenings at 7.30 and the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m.

Local News.

—Ice Cream Soda 5c. a glass at Jones.

—The house of Mr. Jesse L. Shepherd on West Main street is undergoing repairs.

—DR. W. E. BARNARD, SURGEON DENTIST. Office South-east corner of Main and Scott streets.

—Copies made from Tin Types or any other pictures of any description at Trinklere's Studio.

—There has been a general advance of three cents a pound on the price of meats in Wilmington.

—William Spencer has been appointed postmaster at Rising Sun vice Williams Collins removed.

—Before placing your order for Coal consult James L. Warren who is selling the best Lehigh Valley at lowest market prices.

—William R. Holten and Adam Reed, left town Tuesday morning to accept positions with J. J. Hensell in Philadelphia.

—Lieutenant George B. Rodney, of New Castle, will sail for Manila Friday. He is remembered in Middletown as a resident of Camp Tunnell.

—Middletown loses both the assistant barbers at once. Mr. Harry P. Shapley leaves Mr. W. W. Freeman to begin business for himself at Smyrna.

—If you are going out of town for an outing leave your address at The Transcript office and the paper will follow you. It is the only way to keep posted on town affairs.

—Mr. Jesse L. Shepherd has sold for Mrs. Caulk, his mother-in-law, the hotel property at Galena now occupied by W. B. Robinson, price $1500.00. John Manlove is the purchaser.

—Mr. Orlando M. Lloyd, bridge tender at the canal, died of typhoid fever on Wednesday at Kirkwood. The deceased was 28 years old and his early demise is much regretted. Interment at Seaford yesterday.

—The Tolchester Fair has been well attended this week. Thursday was the big day and John Walter Smith, the Democratic candidate for Governor, was the lion of the occasion. The Dover Fair begins September 5.

—Rev. Charles Gibson occupied the pulpit of Bethesda M. E. Church on Sunday last. In the evening the usual services of the Epworth League were dispenced with and the congregation listened to a most interesting sermon.

—Heard sub rosa on the street: "The ladies of Chestertown have bought an ornamental and useful fountain for the use of the town, the whole people; the ladies of ——— have proposed to the people to purchase for them a piano."

—Beginning on October 3d and continuing thirty days the mails carried over the various railroads for the government will be weighed. The contracts with the transportation companies for carrying the mails are made on the basis of weight.

—The first week in September Wilmington will have as guests the National Association of Municipial Electricians, and the supreme body of the Knights of St. John and Malta, besides representatives of municipial governments from many neighboring cities.

—The pavement in front of the Forest Presbyterian Church has been relaid this week. A number of pavements in other sections of the town are undergoing improvement in accordance with the notices sent out by the Town Fathers about a month ago.

—Colonel Theodore Townsend of the First Delaware Regiment, has appointed Lieutenant A. W. Foreman, of Company A, of Wilmington, to be adjutant of the First Regiment, to succeed John M. Dunn, who has been appointed an officer in the regular army.

—President Shriver, of the Ericsson Line of steamers, presented to Mayor W. T. Malster, of Baltimore, a beautiful picture in oil of Mr. Malster's old home at Chesapeake City. The picture is a fine specimen of art and will occupy a prominent place in the Mayor's home.

—George Henry Raymond, formerly of Smyrna, committed suicide at Germantown, Pa., where he has resided for some years. Previous to shooting himself he tried to kill Miss Emily Norcross, a lady who had befriended him. Raymond had suffered from acute rheumatism for years.

—On Friday night of last week a horse belonging to Mr. Charles Derrickson became frightened and dashed down South Broad street. It was followed for a distance by a crowd of men and boys. That evening the horse and road cart were found by Mr. Malcolm Cochran near Clothier's mill uninjured.

—Gov. Tunnell Thursday morning issued the following commissions: Albert W. A. Foreman, regimental adjutant of the First Delaware Regiment; Frank Davis, of Middletown, notary public for the Citizens National Bank of Middletown, to succeed Leonidas Darlington, deceased; and Daniel W. Corbett, of Odessa, trustee of Delaware College.

—Two special trains loaded with colored excursionists passed down the Delaware road Saturday night, returning Sunday night. Wye campmeeting and one at Marydel were the objective points. The train started in Philadelphia. Seven cars went to Marydel and eleven to Wye Camp. There were 5,000 paid admissions to the latter camp.

—The laws governing the shooting of reed birds, rail birds and marsh hens in Delaware are open on September 1, and gunning for them is allowed until cold weather sets in, when the birds depart. The shooting this year promises to be the best that has been for years, as the birds are plentiful and unusually fat, aside from that they have arrived in great numbers already, and many more are to be expected by the time the season opens.

—One of New York's largest music publishing houses will in two week's time produce a piece of cake walk music, which they pronounce the best of its kind ever published. It is an original composition from the pen of Byard Wilson, a former Middletown boy, who has just graduated from a celebrated school of composition.

—The Wilmington Republican suggests: "With the present high price of beef our farmers should be able to raise beef steers and dispose of them at paying prices. Our grandfathers found the feeding of fat cattle a paying business years ago and why not now, at the price beef is bringing. The price is as high as during the war, the best cuts selling for 25 cents a pound."

—The corn crop, by common consent, promises to be immense—the largest for many years. With a big crib of corn the farmer has a good chance to protect his stock against the cold wind of winter. The crop promises to be large everywhere, Kansas alone expecting a crop of 300,000,000 bushels. With such an immense yield the farmers must be content with lower prices.

—Sunday was hot, but Monday of this week was hotter. The official thermometer in Philadelphia and Baltimore registered 98°. A day in June registered 98. In Dodge City on Monday the thermometer registered 100°. In the evening Middletown had the cooling effect of the rain from the thunder storm which was very severe in many places. The wind struck Wilmington at a 30 miles an hour gait. Monday produced many cases of sun stroke in the cities, and exhaustion.

—The Ancient Order of United Workman of Delaware will have a gala day to-day. It is "Workman Day," and a celebration will take place at Brandywine Springs, near Wilmington. Special excursion trains will be run on the railroads at reduced fares. The attractions at the Springs are numerous and besides this you will meet Workmen from every section of the State. Addresses by members well versed in the order will be the features of the day, together with a base ball game, minstrel show, drama, and etc.

—The TRANSCRIPT is requested to correct the announcement that Forest Presbyterian Church will hold its Re-opening on Sunday week, Sept. 3rd, after the repairs and decorations which have been in progress for two months past. Dr. Vallandigham will hold service on the first Sunday of September, presumably Communion Service as is the custom of the church. Dr. Moore, pastor of the church, is expected home from Europe on the third Sunday of Sept., not Sept. 3rd, when the congregation will most probably join in a felicitous Re-union.

—The Directors of the Citizens National Bank of Middletown have elected Mr. Frank Davis, of Odessa, to fill the vacancy in the tellership. The selection is being generally commended. Mr. Davis is a brother of Mr. Harry Davis of the firm of Davis and Price of this town and of Mr. Eugene Davis, Cashier of the National Bank of Smyrna. Mr. A. G. Cox succeeds Mr. Darlington as treasurer of the Mutual Building and Loan Association, and Mr. Elward Reynolds as town treasurer and treasurer to the Light and Water Commission.

—United States Engineer Raymond on Monday opened bids for the removal of the wrecked schooner Addie Ludington, which was sunk in collision near Brandywine shoals. The following proposals were submitted: International Wrecking Salvage and Submarine Company, Atlantic City, $145; Charles W. Johnson, Lewes, Del., $279; John L. Mills, Camden, $450; The bids have been forwarded to the Washington office with a recommendation that the contract be awarded to the International Company. The Ludington was run into and sunk on June 12th last.

—The excursion of the Steamer Clio to Washington Park on Saturday last was slimly attended. The day was unfavorable and it is thought this prevented a large number from going who otherwise would have gone. The boat left the wharf in Odessa at 7 o'clock, A. M., and arrived at the Park about noon. The passage across the river was made interesting (?) by a heavy wind which caused the boat to roll uncomfortably. The Diamond State Band of this town had been engaged to furnish music for the occasion, and the selections rendered did them much credit. The time at the Park was pleasantly spent with the various amusements to aid and the start home was made at 6 o'clock. "The most enjoyable excursion of the season" is the general verdict of all who attended.

—Visitors along the Atlantic coast saw the effects of the storm last week. The ocean was very rough for several days. There was an exciting time at Rehoboth Sunday and a number of bathers narrowly escaped drowning. In one party were Street and Sewer Director William Simmons and Frank A. Mitchell, a well-known contractor of Wilmington, and Dr. O. D. Robinson, of Georgetown. They were surprised by a very high wave, the undercurrent of which carried them out into deep water. Friends who were close by, seeing the predicament of the bathers, went to their rescue, and after a hard battle with the waves the men were brought to shore. Mr. Mitchell was completely exhausted, and it took half an hour of work to revive him. The same wave carried out several other bathers, all of whom were rescued with difficulty.

—The Wilmington Republican of Aug. 23rd under double head lines, "Lost to Delaware" announces the removal of the Middletown Shirt Company from this town to Chester. The management have assured citizens of Middletown interested in the operation and success of this local industry that such is not the fact. Mr. F. H. Burgess, treasurer and manager of the company, has leased a building at Chester and another branch will be put in operation there. The local "rumor" that the cutting and cutters are to be moved from here is true only in part. Such publications are injurious. Because of the use of a day current of electricity at Chester certain cutting now done at all the branches will be removed to that city where Mr. W. R. Bandell will have charge. Mr. Burgess says a cutting department will be continued in Middletown. This should settle that ignorant old busy body "rumor."

—A letter from the editor of the Moorestown, (N. J.,) Republican makes inquiry for one "Edward Ornet, of Middletown, Delaware," the man referred to in the following clipping: Moorestown, Aug. 16.—[Special.]—While attempting to cross the railroad bridge over Pensauken creek between Lenola and West Moorestown an unknown man was to-night run over and killed. Engineer Kugler saw the man running across the bridge ahead of the train. The man got across the bridge in safety, but was seen to stumble and fall. The engineer applied the brakes, but, owing to the steep grade, was unable to stop the engine until after the man was struck. The whole train passed over his body, and it was cut to pieces. The man was about 45 years of age and had a heavy black mustache, his appearance indicating that he was a mechanic. Editor Laessle adds: "Any information you can give me regarding him or his family will be greatly appreciated." No one seems to know of such a man in or around Middletown.

—The rains and drouths this season have been sectional and local more than usual. On Tuesday, August 15th, the ceremonies of unveiling the $1200.00 fountain at Chestertown were marred by the down pour of rain all day—Middletown had no rain. On Friday, 18th inst., just over the State line in Cecil county, many localities were visited by a young flood. The rain came as near as St. Anne's Church, a mile south of the town, but not a sprinkle here. Mr. Geo. W. Lockwood said in the TRANSCRIPT office on Saturday that a friend was detained at his home, near Warwick, all day Friday, one storm succeeding another. Some sections have had too much and others not enough. In Western New York whole counties are burned up by the sun and lack of rain, even moisture. A drouth of six weeks in May and June, followed by a present drouth of seven weeks has brought distress. Farmers are feeding stock the same as in winter with scarcity of feed. "Variety is the spice of life," but the "spice" is not always agreeable.

—Wilmington has a candy poisoning attempt as its latest sensation. Candy containing enough poison to kill all the people in the block was left in the yard of Mrs. James G. Charsha this week, and was promptly turned over to the authorities. Mrs. Charsha has been receiving anonymous letters and has been otherwise annoyed for some time past. She is from Milton, Del., but her husband is a native of Cecil county, being a conductor on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. On a slip in the box was a note reading: "Eat this to-day, for to-morrow you shall die." The warning would seem to give the matter an attempt at a "joke," a very dangerous one. Rev. Mr. Coursey. Mrs. D. I. McColley and George W. Godwin all received anonymous letters similar to ones received by Mrs. Charsha and they accused her of some knowledge of them. 'Tis seemingly a feeble attempt to imitate the Botkin affair either as a sensation or perhaps a reality. "After careful investigation, the State authorities find that no crime has been committed, and the entire matter will be dropped." This was the decision of Deputy Attorney-General Cooper on Thursday.

Unclaimed Letters.

A list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are advertised: Mrs Edith Fisher, card; Miss Lettie Fountain, Mrs. Adelia Staats, Miss Annie B Wilson, William Dobson, George Jones. Thomas Lynch, P. O. Leary, Charles H. Riggs, Robert Walters, card.

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Wreck at Clayton

A freight wreck occured Saturday morning about 3 o'clock on the Delaware railroad at Clayton, and as a result the main track and siding were blocked for four hours and travel interrupted.

The trouble was caused by the parting of a freight train and the crashing of the detached portion into the head cars, which had stopped. The result was that five cars were piled in a heap, a twisted and battered mass of iron and wood, and the contents of the cars were scattered over the debris. The engineer did not know that his train had parted and stopped at Clayton for orders. The conductor had gone to the office, when the crash was heard.

Nobody was injured, as the rear flagman, seeing that the train had parted, was putting on the brake and was ready for a jump. The brakeman was well foward on the front part of the train and was out of danger.

The siding was in use until nearly noon, when the main track was again cleared and travel over the line resumed.

Two tramps are said to have been in one of the box cars which was wrecked, but they escaped without being seriously injured.

BASE BALL

The soldier boys of Battery L. 4th United States Artillery, stationed at Ft. du Pont, came to Middletown on Wednesday and crossed bats in a game of base ball with a club of Middletown's local players. The visitors were accompanied by a number of non-commissioned officers and wore the regulation army uniforms and caps. The game was called at 2 o'clock, p. m. with the Battery boys at the bat. They were retired in one, two, three order. Middletown's representatives fared a little better, sending one man across the plate before the side was retired. Not until the third inning did the visitors succeed in scoring and then it was two runs, followed by one in the fourth. A block ball in the fifth inning increased the score, already three to one, in favor of the visitors, by four runs. In the remainder of the game Middletown got one run and the visitors four, completing a score of 11 to 2. The features of the game were the fielding of Anders and Allen for the Battery and McCleary and "Stokes" Holten for the locals. This game is a series of three; the second will be played at Delaware City in a short while. The local team will be strengthened by an addition of several players and the boys declare they will win the succeeding games. The following are the teams and their playing positions.

Battery L.		Middletown.
Hellenthal	pitcher	A. Ginn
Thorpe	catcher	S. Holten
Anders	1st base	H. Hall
Weldy	2d base	F. Suydam
Hopkins	3d base	Hamilton
Allen	short stop	Pleasanton
Coy	right field	E. Johnson
Ludman	centre field	L. Bradley
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Hood's Pills cure biliousness, sick headache.

A correspondent from Rehoboth says of the storm Monday night: "After the storm had subsided persons who were on the beach witnessed a magnificent spectacle. A huge ball of fire started from just inside the capes, and rolling with great rapidity upon the crests of the waves, burst with a tremendous explosion just off Rehoboth. It cast a greenish light upon the waters, and the ocean and heavens were lighted up many miles around."

The Tammany tiger has got everybody guessing. There is no end of attempted solutions of Mr. Croker's position. When he left for Europe a month or so ago he was opposed to Bryan and all that Bryan represented. He returned and his first utterance scatters confusion among Democrats of all classes. Everybody is wondering what the next move will be, afraid to move lest it proves fatal. Of all the bosses in Christendom, Croker is the variest and his influence, whatever it is, dominates the party throughout the country.

ODESSA NOTES.

Mrs. Richard Foard and daughter, Margaret, of Newark, N. J., are the guests of Mrs. Foard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Watkins.

Miss Smith, of Trenton, N. J., and Miss Brady, of Middletown, have been the guests of Mrs. F. B. Watkins for a week.

Miss Martha Townsend is spending a week with her cousins, the Misses Scott, at Rehoboth.

Miss Elizabeth Temple is visiting Mrs. Temple at Smyrna.

Miss Ethel Mailly spent Thursday and Friday with Miss Rhea Skinner, at Glasgow.

Mr. G. Lon Coppage spent Sunday with his cousin, Miss Georgia Enos. He returned to his home in Wilmington on Monday accompanied by his mother who has been spending several weeks in Odessa.

Mr. Harry Stevens is spending his vacation with his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Stevens.

Mrs. Barwick and daughter, of Kennedyville, Md., have been spending a few days with Mrs. Barwick's father, Mr. David C. Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Chandler, of Wilmington, spent Wednesday with Mrs. R. J. Mailly.

Mr. Daniel W. Corbit has been appointed a trustee of Delaware College.

Mr. Joe Williams has returned to Philadelphia.

Mr. Ferd Fleming, who has been the guest of Mrs. R. J. Mailly, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Will Shallcross near Middletown.

Miss Virginia Lord is visiting her sister, Mrs. Colen Ferguson, near Blackbird.

Mr. Frank Davis' many friends were delighted to congratulate him on his election to the position of teller in the Citizens National Bank, of your town.

Mr. Charles Cannon, near town, is growing some fine large tomatoes. Thursday he presented Mr. Geo. W. Davis with one weighing 22 oz. and brought in another partly decayed which tipped the scales at 33 oz.

Both Baker Brothers and Watkins canneries are running over time this week and then are not able to keep their work up. Wagons loaded with corn and tomatoes and the empty wagons returning raise clouds of dust to the great disgust of the busy housewives. On Wednesday Baker Bros. put up over 38,000 cans of corn.

A wagon from St. Georges loaded with lumber ran into and demolished a wagon loaded with corn husks Monday morning. The lumber wagon had no brake, consequently the horses went down the creek hill and over the bridge in a run. The colored man driving the husk wagon had just crossed the bridge and could not get out of the way in time. His wagon was a complete wreck. The horses broke loose from the lumber wagon which was not damaged and ran away, but were soon caught. Fortunately neither men or horses were injured.

The steamer Clio was struck by lightning Monday evening. She left her Odessa wharf at 8 o'clock with 20 passengers beside her freight. A severe thunder storm arose and just as they reached the mouth of the creek there came a blinding flash of lightning which struck the Clio's mast. A lantern was being raised on the mast at the time it was struck but the man who was raising it was uninjured. Assistant Clerk George Moore who was closing a freight room window, was knocked down and his hands burned. The passengers were frightened but were remarkably quite. Nothing was damaged excepting the mast, and the Clio reached Philadelphia without further mishap.

NIAGARA FALLS EXCURSIONS

Low-Rate Vacation Trips via Pennsylvania Railroad

September 7 and 21 and October 5 and 19 are the dates of the remaining Pennsylvania Railroad popular ten-day excursions to Niagara Falls from Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, and intermediate points.

Excursion tickets, good for return passage on any regular train, exclusive of limited express trains, within ten days, will be sold at $10.00 from Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and all points on the Delaware Division; $11.25 from Atlantic City; $9.60 from Lancaster; $8.50 from Altoona and Harrisburg; $6.90 from Sunbury and Wilkesbarre; $5.75 from Williamsport; and at proportionate rates from other points. A stopover will be allowed at Buffalo, Rochester, Canandaigua, and Watkins within the limit returning.

A special train of Pullman cars and day coaches will be run with each excursion. An extra charge will be made for parlor car seats.

An experienced tourist agent and chaperon will accompany each excursion.

Tickets for a side trip to the Thousand Islands (Alexandria Bay) will be sold from Rochester in connection with excursions of September 7 and 21, good to return to Rochester or to Canandaigua via Syracuse within five days, at rate of $5.50.

Tickets for a side trip to Toronto will be sold at Niagara Falls for $1.00 on September 23. In connection with excursion of September 7, tickets will be sold to Toronto and return at reduced rates, account Toronto Fair.

For pamphlets giving full information and hotels, and for time of connecting trains, apply to nearest ticket agent, or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

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Single Fare to Baltimore and Return via Pennsylvania Railroad, Account Presentation of Sword to Captain Dyer of the U. S. S. "Baltimore."

For the occasion of the presentation, on September 12, 1899, of a sword of honor to Captain Dyer of the United States cruiser "Baltimore" for his heroic action in the Battle of Manila, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell special excursion tickets from stations on its line in the States of Maryland, Delaware, the District of Columbia, and the State of Pennsylvania as far north as York, to Baltimore, at rate of single fare for the round trip (minimum rate, fifty cents). Tickets will be sold September 11 and 12, and will be good to return until September 13 inclusive.

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PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

Mr. John S. Ash will enter Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., on Monday, Sept. 4th. for a three years' course. At the conclusion of which he will take a course preparatory to entering the ministry. Mr. Ash has been in the employ of Mr. E. S. Jones for several years and an active worker in the Epworth League of Bethesda Church.

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Barard, and Mrs. F. C. West and daughters have returned from an outing at Rehoboth.

Miss Fannie J. Butler, of Wilmington, Miss Marion Lape, of Philadelphia, were guests the first of the week of their uncle, Mr. John Drummond, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Foard, Miss Adda Foard, and Miss Martha Heaton have returned from Eagle's Mere.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis M. Barnard have said "good bye" to Middletown friends, Mr. Cyrus Holt and family taking their house on Green street. Mrs. Barnard will be at Cheswold for a few weeks until she joins Mr. Barnard in New York.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Gilpin have returned from a visit with relatives at Elkton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. DeVallnger are spending a two week's vacation at Ocean Grove.

Mr. George M Stengle, of the Union Republican, Georgetown, was a caller at the TRANSCRIPT office on Monday morning.

Miss Ray Lank, of Philadelphia, is visiting Miss Elizabeth C. Parker.

Miss Powers, of Millington Md., is the guest of Mrs. Ella Cochran.

Miss Martin of Philadelphia, is visiting Miss Salye Cochran.

Mr. Joseph Gibbs and family, of Wheeling, West Va., after a visit at the old home on the Levels, have returned.

Frank M. Jones, Esqr., of Georgetown, was a guest of Mr. Merritt N. Willits the first of the week.

Mr. Jay Davis is entertaining Mr. Davis Collins, of Philadelphia.

Dr. Martin Barr, who was visiting his mother, has returned to Elwyn.

Miss Helen Clayton is entertaining Miss Emma Jones, of York, Pa.

Miss Moyer, of Philadelphia, is visiting Miss Blanche Wright.

Miss Maria Nowland, who was a guest at a house party at Crown Point, is at home.

Miss Jodie Biggs is at Atlantic City.

Mr. George Houston, of Philadelphia, was a guest the first of the week of relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bragdon and Lloyd have returned from their outing on the Chesapeake and its tributaries.

Miss Clara Oldfield, of Atlantic City, is spending a few days with Miss Lillie Scott.

Mr. Robert L. Johnson, is visiting Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Mr. Milton W. Copp, of the firm of Reynolds and Copp, has had a severe spell of malaria ever. His friends are glad to greet him on his front porch and trust to see him at business.

An Amusing Entertainment.

With Japanese lanterns encircling the porch, hanging from the trees, and candles dotted among the stones of the rockeries, the more than 300 people assembled in Mr. Merritt N. Willits's yard on Tuesday evening have imagined themselves in fairyland, had it not been that the occupants of the porch were of a color not usually attributed to fairies.

It was an entertainment given for the benefit of the New Century Club and was pronounced by every one a decided success. Messrs. Shroeder and Massey were well received as soloists, and Messrs. Clarence, Howard and Frank Pool and Miss Mary Pool gave some excellent instrumental selections, Following came a minstrel performance which was a very creditable affair. Mr. Montgomery, of Philadelphia, imitating some familiar sights and sounds in an exceedingly clever manner. A would-be editor passed through some trials and tribulations occasioned by various angry subscribers becoming offended at what they consider slanderous publications, and last, but not least, came a cake walk in which each participant proved himself a "fine" walker but Messrs. Bert Massey and "Tony" Crouch were judged a degree better than the others, while "Prof." Johnson received a special cake for his special performance.

The amount cleared will probably be nearly $60.

SUSSEX COUNTY

William H. Welch has opened at Milton a factory for the manufacturer of spring beds, employing 25 persons.

The burned section of the town of Laurel is being rapidly rebuilt and the town is again assuming its business like activity.

There is a movement on foot to furnish Georgetown with electric lights. A Baltimore concern has secured the right to put them in Milton and Lewes and has made a proposition also for that place.

Recently the conservatism of a boarding house keeper at Rehoboth, attracted considerable attention and is a source of amusement to many. This man is so careful that he will not give a man and woman board at his house unless they show a marriage certificate. In addition to this he will not take anyone to board unless they show letters to prove that they are members of a Protestant denomination, says a correspondent to a Wilmington paper.

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It is Secretary Root's desire that the entire body of reinforcements for General Otis' army may reach the Philippines for service in the month of October at the latest, and to that end he has been quietly negotiating for additional transports. It is now intended that all of the ten regiments will be landed at Manila by the time the dry season opens. A short and successful campaign by this new army would, of course, obviate the necessity for sending any additional volunteers to the Philippines and the plans under consideration at the War Department are said to be predicted on that idea, it being the intention that whatever additional troops may be recruited will be held in reserve for possible contingencies.

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REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER'S OFFICE,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL.,
August 1st, 1899.

Upon the application of John S. Crouch and Franklin J. Penington, Executors of Samuel Pennington, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Executors aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters Testamentary upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the aforesaid time in the Middletown TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

SEAL

CALVIN W. CROSSAN, Register.

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the First day of August, A. D. 1899, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the said Executors, on or before the First day of August, 1900, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

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Yours respt'y,
HENRY CATTS.

SUMMIT BRIDGE, DELAWARE, October 25, 1898.

J. F. McWhorter & Son, Middletown, Del.

Dear Sirs:—The American Separator I bought from you is a good machine and will do all you claim for it. It increased my butter more than a pound per week on each cow that I was milking. I have had some experience with other makes, but like the American much better than any I have seen or tried, I consider it the lightest running machine on the market and the easiest to clean and operate, I would not part with mine if I could not get another, and I would advise anyone going to buy to get the American.

Yours truly,
WALTER HEAVELOW.

KIRKWOOD, DELAWARE, November 2, 1898.

J. F. McWhorter & Son, Middletown, Del.

Gentlemen:—The American Separator I bought from you in June is all right, it has done everything you claim for it, and more; it increased my butter one pound per week on each cow I was milking, and my customers think it better butter. It saves fully one half the work of the old method of making butter, it takes all the cream from the milk without doubt; I find it quite an advantage in raising calves, also hogs; I think in these two alone I will this year make half the price of the machine. I paid $65 for my machine, but would not take a $100 if I could not get another American.

Yours, &c.,
W. B. FORD.

ELKTON, MARYLAND, October 31, 1898.

J. F. McWhorter & Son, Middletown, Del.

Gentlemen:—The American Separator we bought from you has given entire satisfaction; we find it has done everything you claim for it as far as we have had experience. Our cows were falling when you put the machine in, but I feel safe in saying that we have had an increase of butter; we are sure it takes all of the cream from the milk, is very easy to clean and operate; we think we make better butter and save a great deal of labor. You ask us in your letter if we would part with our machine for the price we paid if we could not get another American, our answer is we would not,

Yours respt'y,
MISS LYDIA A. REYNOLDS.

SMYRNA, DELAWARE, December 8, 1898.

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Gents:—Yours received, and will say in reply that we are very well pleased with the American Separator, we had a little trouble at first as we had never had any experience with a separator, but we are all right now and think it does everything you claim for it. My butter is better than when I used creamery and is much less work; it takes every particle of cream from the milk, and is very little work to clean and keep in order. Will close by saying once more, that we are well pleased with it.

Yours respt'y,

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Citizens National Bank.—President, Joseph Biggs; Cashier, John S. Cronch; Teller, L. Darlington. Bank Building on South Broad Street.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Middletown Council, No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. M. Meets every Monday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M. Meets first Tuesday of each month in Town Hall.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Major John Jones Post, No. 22, G. A. R. Meets every Friday night in Reynolds Building at 7 o'clock

Welcome Conclave Heptasophs. Meets every second and fourth Friday night in K of P. Hall.

Union Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W., meets every 2d and 4th Tuesday night in McWhorter's Hall.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Topic For the Week Beginning Aug. 27, "The Christian's Pleasures"—Text, Ps. xxiii, 1-6.

"The Lord is my shepherd."

Some one has said, "There is no pleasure comparable to standing on the vantage ground of truth." This is the first gain of the Christian. In doing God's will he finds Christ's words fulfilled; he knows the truth and the truth makes him free. He does not possess all knowledge. He may make many mistakes, but he sees into the real nature of things and knows God as his father. He is no longer in fear of judgment, and, though realizing himself as a sinner, he has peace and pardon by faith in Jesus Christ. He is true in heart to God and man. He is free from malice, envy and pride and full of love. Happiness consists far less in what one gets or has than in what he is. When a person is filled with the love of God, he abides in restfulness of soul, even when business goes disastrously and disease seizes the body.

It is a source of deepest satisfaction to realize that God really cares for me. My interests, my good and my actions are all subjects of concern to God. When we really get hold of this idea, it is apt to get hold of us in return and change our actions. We come to new ideas and new deeds. God leads! I must be attentive to know what He wishes. God my shepherd! Let Him guide me where He sees is best. Green pastures, quiet waters, valley of death's shadows, anywhere, everywhere He sees best, I will gladly go.

There is great pleasure in mastering success in the world and among men. In business enterprises, in literature, art, science; in making a new discovery, a great corporation, in amassing wealth, in attaining social leadership, in the thousand and one avenues of wordly honor and prosperity there is great enjoyment. But there is no soul satisfaction in arms, in politics, in business to be compared to the simple knowledge of God as the personal Friend, Protector and Shepherd.

In childlike humility and simplicity the greatest of men have found rest and peace under the wings of the Almighty. Personal heart trust is the Christian's pleasure, perfect peace.

Secretary Hamilton.

Rev. John W. Hamilton, D. D., secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education society, is one of the most widely and favorably known men of the Methodist Episcopal church. Fine physique, attractive address, frank, open manner, genuine piety, sturdy manliness and hatred of sham, linked with unusual executive ability and thorough cultivation in school and public life, have all combined to make him what he is, one of the foremost men in one of the foremost churches of the times. He first became widely known by his building the People's

REV. JOHN W. HAMILTON, D. D.

church, Boston. He has been an influential member of several general conferences, and received a large vote for bishop the last time any were elected. Probably no man in our denomination, unless it may be some of the bishops, knows so many men in our own church and in other churches, the influential leaders in their respective spheres, as does Dr. Hamilton. He has done valuable work in his present position. He was with Bishop Fowler, fraternal delegate from our church to the British and Irish Wesleyan conferences, which he visited last summer. His addresses were valuable historical documents, and have been printed in a beautiful pamphlet for private circulation. The league should know him and the work he leads in the Freedmen's Aid society. In importance it ranks with the missionary cause.

Watch China. But yesterday she was the least known of nations, unless we except Korea and Japan. Today she is open from Shanghai to Tibet. China is to awaken from sleep of ages. What this means who can tell? John Chinaman is one of the most virile and astute and frugal of men. What any one can do, he can do as well, only give him a chance. Every third man on earth is a Chinaman. Russia, England, France and Germany may open his gates and climb over his wall and dictate his trade for awhile. China is awaking. If she becomes Christian, the Mongolian will unite with the Anglo-Saxon and Slav in making a new world. Help to make her Christian for the sake of the kingdom of God.

No other department is more important than the spiritual. The matter of greatest moment to each member and to the League and church as a whole is the deepening of devotional life. There need to be more of prayer, more reading and understanding of the Bible, not the matter of higher or lower criticism or any questions of controversy, but the knowledge of the way the Bible would have a Christian live. We need more of open hearted, simple testimony.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning Aug. 27—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

TOPIC.—Green pastures; the Christian's pleasures.—Ps. xxiii, 1-6.

The Twenty-third Psalm is the most widely known and most popular of all the Psalms of David. It is taught to us in childhood, comforts us in youth and manhood, and strengthens us when advancing age speaks of the "valley of the shadow of death." It breathes a spirit of calm and sublime trust in God. It speaks of God's care of the soul under the figures of the Shepherd, who leads His sheep "into the green pastures and beside still waters," and that of the bountiful Host, who annoints the head of His guest with oil and who causes his cup to run over. And there is included also the sweet peace, profound serenity and trustful happiness of the one whom God thus cares and provides. And where in all the world can be found a peace and happiness equal to this peace and happiness of the soul, which may be called the Christian's joy or pleasure?

1. God is the source of the Christian's pleasure. He, as a shepherd, leads us into green pastures and beside still waters. He, as a host, anoints our heads with oil and deals so bountifully with us that our cups run over. The joy of the Lord is our strength. The Christian's pleasure is therefore spiritual rather than sensual. It comes from union with God, from blessings derived from God, from service for God, from fellowship and communion with the people of God.

2. The worldling cannot understand the Christian's pleasure. It is spiritual and can only be discerned by the spiritual. It is as unintelligible to the inexperienced as the conversation of those who speak in a foreign, unknown tongue. They understand and enjoy it. To us it is unintelligible and uninteresting. Many people of the world doubt the happiness of Christians, because they cannot understand it, yet the joy of one who is saved is more profound, more satisfying and more rapturous than any worldly joy. "Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man, what God hath in store for those who love Him." The eye, the ear, the heart, cannot discern the Christian's pleasures.

3. The Christian's pleasures are eternal. "I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." To be with God forever is to enjoy God forever. Worldly pleasures soon vanish. Spiritual pleasures last forever. Which are we striving for?

"Did not God place us in this world to enjoy ourselves?" said a worldly young man to a lady who was pressing Christ upon him. "Yes," she replied, "but my pleasure is in my religion." Happy indeed one who could make such a reply. Many professed Christians even find their pleasures not in their religion, but in spite of their religion. What a sad commentary on our Christianity when we have to go to the world for entertainment and amusement!

Bible Readings.—Neh. viii, 10; Ps. xvi, 6, 11; xxxv, 9; li, 12; Prov. iii, 17; xxi, 15-17; Eccl. ii, 1-11; Isa. xxxv, 1-10; li, 11; Math. xi, 28-30; Luke viii, 14; xvi, 19-31; Phil. iv, 4; Heb. xi, 24-26.

Blowing God's Horn.

"What is the good of all this shouting and blessing and praising and boasting?" A good deal of good, if the shouting and praising and boasting and blessing are "in the Lord" and not in ourselves, nor in anybody or anything else. Blowing God's horn may not be blowing our own. One good it accomplishes is to gladden the meek folks. If they meet or hear of one of these brave and triumphant persons who bless the Lord at all times, whose mouths continually praise the Lord and whose souls make their boast in the Lord, it so increases their courage and faith and hope that they are glad. Is it not worth while to gladden meek saints? Surely it is. So, don't get out of patience with the noisy people.—Christian Standard.

Look Inward.

Whenever you find yourself inclined to dwell with more than common severity of temper on the sins and shortcomings of other men and to be lax and liberal in judging your own faults, you will do well to inquire whether you are not in a backslidden state. If you have in any measure overcome the world, the flesh and the devil, you are bound to know how hard the task is and to entertain feelings of sympathy for all that are engaged in the same fight. The best people are the most charitable. Saintliness is tenderness. The immaculate Son of Man had a kind word and a helping hand for all struggling souls. He did not and does not break the bruised reed nor quench the smoking flax.—Nashville Advocate.

God's Favors.

God multiplies His favors. Day by day and hour by hour they come trooping along according to existing need. So continuous and opportune are mercies and bounties that we too often take them as matter of course, attribute them to secondary causes and fail to trace them, with due intelligence and gratitude to their divine source. Never ought the Hand that feeds us and the Heart which responds in love, sympathy and kindness, be forgotten or unacknowledged. Goodness ever deserves recognition.—Presbyterian.

The Value of a Good Name.

Secure a good name to thyself by living virtuously and humbly, but let this good name be nursed abroad and never be brought home to look upon it. Let others use it for their own advantage. Let them speak of it if they please. But do not thou use it at all but as an instrument to do God glory and thy neighbor more advantage. Let thy face, like Moses', shine to others, but make no looking glass for thyself.—Jeremy Taylor.

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LESSON IX, THIRD QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, AUG. 27.

Text of the Lesson, Ex. i, 1-11—Memory Verses, 2-4—Golden Text, Ps. cxxvi, 3—Commentary Prepared by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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1. "Now in the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus." All is done that the Scripture may be fulfilled, and the Lord does it all. The opening verses of this book are just the closing verses of the previous book repeated and therefore confirmed (Gen. xli, 32) or established, that we may give special attention to them. God had said by Jeremiah that after 70 years He would punish the king of Babylon and restore Israel to their own land (Jer. xxv, 12; xxix, 10). He had also called Cyrus by name more than 100 years before he was born and had said that Cyrus would perform all His pleasure (Isa. xliv, 28; xlv, 1).

2. "The Lord God of Heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and He hath charged me to build Him an house at Jerusalem." The Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men and giveth it to whomsoever He will (Dan. iv, 32). When any one, be he king or peasant, accepts the position he occupies as given him by God and seeks therein to do the will of God, he cannot but be blessed, for God Himself will see to it (II Chron. xvi, 9). There is a house now being builded, even the church of God (Eph. ii, 19-22), and every pastor and teacher and evangelist and missionary is authorized to help build up the church, the body of Christ.

3. "Who is there among you of all His people? His God be with him and let him go up to Jerusalem and build the house of the Lord God of Israel." Here every individual who is willing is commissioned to go up to Jerusalem and help to build the house; so each individual believer is commissioned to take part in saying to all who have not yet received Christ that He loves them, died for their sins and rose again and will receive them if they will come to Him (Rev. xxii, 17; John i, 12; vi, 37).

4. "And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth let the men of his place help him." This help was to be with silver, gold, goods, beasts, besides the free will offering for the house at Jerusalem. No one was compelled to go to Jerusalem, but those who did not go were to help those who did go. So now no one is compelled to go as a missionary to foreign lands; it must be willing service; but those who do not go must be ready to help those who do go with all that they need.

5. "Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem." Five times in our lesson is the house of God mentioned. It is the central thought. Not Jerusalem, nor the priests, nor Cyrus, but God and His house. So now the great thought in the mind of every preacher and worker and every believer should be the house of God—that is, the church of God—which He hath purchased with His own blood (Acts xx, 28).

6. "And all they that were about them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods and with beasts and with precious things besides, all willingly offered." It must have been a very great privilege to minister to the Lord Jesus when He was here on earth, but we can still minister unto Him by ministering to His people, specially to those who go forth in His name to help complete His body, and He will count it all as done to Himself (Math. xxv, 40).

7. "Also Cyrus, the king, brought forth the vessels of the house of the Lord which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem and had put them in the house of his gods." Because of Israel's sin God had suffered the holy vessels of His house to be carried to Babylon, but He had His eye upon them even when Belshazzar used them at his drunken feast. He suffered such holy men as Daniel and Ezekiel and others to be carried into captivity for their good (Jer. xxiv, 5). When speaking of Israel, He said, "I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies" (Jer. xii, 7). Many redeemed ones are in greater or less measure in the hands of the enemy, and it may be your privilege to restore some of these vessels to their right place in the house of the Lord.

8. "Even those did Cyrus, king of Persia, bring forth by the hand of Mithredath, the treasurer, and numbered them unto Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah." All Israel was numbered by God. All the saints are known by name. The Lord knoweth them that are His, and He says to each one: "Fear not, for I have redeemed thee; I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine" (Isa. xliii, 1). Let it comfort you, dear child of God, that you are a numbered vessel and that if He allows you for a time to be in the enemy's hands He still careth for you and will in due time show you His deliverance (Rev ii, 10; II Cor. i, 10; II Tim. iv, 17, 18).

9. "And this is the number of them: Thirty chargers of gold, a thousand chargers of silver, nine and twenty knives.' The small number of vessels of gold compared with those of silver suggest that the most precious vessels are comparatively few, not that one redeemed soul is of more value than another, for the value of the precious blood of Christ is the value of every redeemed soul, but those who are willing to be utterly abandoned to Him, separate from everything He does not delight in, are comparatively few.

10. "Thirty basons of gold, silver basons of a second sort four hundred and ten, and other vessels a thousand." There is another helpful lesson of a different kind to be learned from these vessels. If the golden vessels be taken to represent the most talented or the most used vessels before people, then to be perfectly happy to be a vessel of a second sort or one of the other thousand not described might be equally glorifying to God, but might require more grace to take a lowly place, but in Math. xxv, 20-23, the one who made good use of two talents received just the same commendation as the one who made good use of five.

11. "Brought up from Babylon unto Jerusalem." This is the remark made of all the vessels. Babylon is a record of self exaltation from the tower of Babel in Gen. xi, where they said, Let us make us a name, to Rev. xvii and xviii, where they dare to make war with the Lamb. Jerusalem or Zion is the city of God, the city of peace, where our Lord was crucified, by whose blood peace was made. Many blood bought ones are captives in Babylon, living for self and to make themselves a name instead of magnifying the name of the Lord. Given to Christ that God may be glorified in us, let us live to complete His body, the church.

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Philadelphia	‖7 25	‖10 20	‖1 52	‖3.46	‖5:56	‖11.10
Baltimore	4 10	9 15	12 06	1.46	4:20	7.53
Wilmington	8 13	11.04	2.35	4.27	6:55	11.56
Farnhurst	f 8.22		f 2 44		7.04	
New Castle	8 27	‖11.21	2 49	4.39	7:09	
State Road	f8.33		f 2 54		7:14	
Bear	f8.38		f 2.59	f 4.48	7:19	
Porter	8.45		f 3.04	4.52	7:25	
Kirkwood	8.50		f 3.09		7:30	
Mt. Pleasant	8.59		f 3.17		7:38	
Armstrong	f 9 03		f 3.21		7:42	
Middletown	9 08	11.50	3.25	5.18	7:48	12.39
Townsend	9 17		3.34	5 28	7:56	
Blackbird	f 9.22		f 3.39		f 8:01	
Gr'n Spring	f 9.27		f 3.45		f8:07	
Clayton	9 33	12.07	3.51	5.42	8:13	12.57
Smyrna...LV	9 33	11.57	3.41	5 21	8:03	
Brenford	f9.38		f 3.59		f8:18	
Cheswold	f9.43		f 4.04		f 8:24	
Dupont			f 4.07			
Dover	9.58	12.23	4.14	5.59	8:34	1.16
Wyoming	10.05	f12.29	4.20	6.05	8:40	a 1.24
Woodside	f10.11			f 6.11	f 8.47	
Viola	f10.15			f 6.15	f 8.51	
Felton	10.20	f12.40		6.20	8.56	a 1.38
Harrington	10 34	12.53		6.33	9.07	1.50
Farmington	f10.42	a 1.00		f 6.41	f 9.15	
Greenwood	f10.50	f 1.08		f 6.49	f 9.23	
Bridgeville	10.58	f 1.16		6.57	9.31	a 2.1s
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Seaford	11.13	1.27		7.11	9.45	2.26
Laurel	11.23	f 1.37		7.21	9.55	a 2.38
Delmar	11.33	1.46		7.30	10.05	2.50

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	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. P. M.	PAS P. M
Delmar	‖1.08		‖7.00	‖8.00	‖2.15	‖3.30
Laurel	f 1.21		7.11	8.10	2.25	3.41
Seaford	1.34		7.23	8.24	2.35	3.56
Cannons			f 7.31	f 8.31		f 4.04
Bridgeville	f 1.48		7.37	8.37	f 2.46	4.11
Greenwood			f7.45	f 8.45	f 2.54	f 4.19
Farmington			f 7.53	f 8.53		f 4.27
Harrington	2.22		8.05	9.06	3.08	4:40
Felton	f 2.33		8.14	9.16	f 3.18	4:49
Viola			f8.18	f 9.20		f 4:53
Woodside			f8.22	f 9.24		f 4:57
Wyoming	p 2:46	‖6.57	8.29	9.31	f 3.30	5:05
Dover	2.52	7.03	8.35	9.38	3.36	5:11
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Brenford		f7.18		f 9.53		f 5:25
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